

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-10, 18-21, 28, and 29 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 18-21, 28, and 29 have been canceled. Therefore, if this Amendment is entered, claims 4, 6, and 9 will be pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 4, 6, and 9 would appear to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. See the Office Action, page 6:

Claims 4, 6 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would appear allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4, 6, and 9 have been rewritten as suggested. All of the remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice to the Applicants' right to pursue those canceled claims in continuing applications.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and that claims 4, 6, and 9 be allowed.

The time for responding to the Office Action was set for May 26, 2008. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period sufficient to permit the filing of this paper. Charge any fees associated with the Petition for the Extension of Time to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

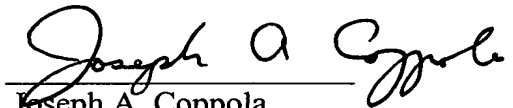
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The Applicants hereby make a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect seen in connection with the filing of this paper, or any defect seen to be remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for the Petition fee and any other fees required to effect this Conditional Petition.

Respectfully Submitted,

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